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Councilmember Carol Schwartz

A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to establish, on an emergency basis, the Taxicab Driver Security Revolving Fund to provide 1-year interest free loans of up to \$500 to a taxicab driver licensed in the District of Columbia, a taxicab driver with the purchase of any one of the security devices approved by the Taxicab Commission for their taxicabs, to authorize use of a portion of the fund to cover the administration of the fund, to require an annual audit of the fund, and to require the Mayor to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this act.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Taxicab Driver Security Revolving Fund Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2001".

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate crisis regarding the safety of the District of Columbia taxicab drivers. The Council is very concerned about the robbery-related injuries and deaths that have been suffered by District cab drivers.

(b) In FY 2001, in order to assist district cab drivers with purchases of safety equipment, the Council authorized the creation of a Taxicab Security Fund.

(c) At the end of FY 2001, none of the money authorized by the Council had been spent.

(d) In FY 2002, in its continued commitment to assisting the District taxicab drivers with purchases of safety equipment, the Council authorized additional money to be added to the Taxicab Security Fund.

37 (e) The Executive has now requested legislation related to the establishment of a
38 Taxicab Security Revolving Fund.

39 (f) In order to continue the Council support of the Taxicab Security Fund for
40 providing loans to taxicab drivers for security devices, the Taxicab Driver Security
41 Revolving Fund must be established immediately.

42 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
43 enumerated in Section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
44 "Taxicab Driver Security Revolving Fund Emergency Act of 2001" be enacted after a single
45 reading.

46 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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